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Greenville Council 1668, Knights of Columbus Presents Piedmont Women's Center with funding for State of the Art Ultrasound Unit

On January 14, 2020, Grand Knight Patrick Shamroe of Council 1668, Greenville, presented funding for a Samsung Ultrasound Machine to Kelly Ross, CEO of Piedmont Women's Center, located at 1143 Grove Road, Greenville, SC.



From left to right: Bob Jackowski, Council 1668; Paul Burchell, SC State Secretary and his wife Judy; Patrick Shamroe, Grand Knight Council 1668, From PWC, Brenda Bagwell, CEO Kelly Ross, Pam Ault, Gwyn Oates, Michelle Reeves, Rachael Adams, Tami Howell; Ray Ireland, Council 1668, David Abbott, Council 1668; Deacon Mike Bannio, Our Lady of The Rosary Catholic Church

The <u>Knights of Columbus</u> is honored to provide the State of South Carolina's 22nd Ultrasound unit to Piedmont Women's Center. There are approximately 1,000 machines across the world that the Knights of Columbus have placed to facilitate fetal ultrasounds (sonogram). This process is an imaging technique that uses sound waves to produce high-resolution images of a fetus in the uterus.

Ultrasound a great tool advocating for life

Piedmont Women's Center is a trusted provider of reproductive health care serving the upstate of South Carolina and surrounding areas. Our involvement with professional community partners enables Piedmont Women's Center to provide free laboratory quality pregnancy testing, free pregnancy consultations and free Limited OB ultrasounds at two locations in the Upstate region. Our caring, professional personnel are committed to understanding and meeting your individual health needs.

Piedmont Women's Center offers a variety of free services to help protect unborn babies, including urine pregnancy tests, limited OB ultrasounds, counseling pap smears, sexually transmitted illness testing and treatment. Statistics show that 40% of pregnant women considering abortion will choose life after receiving trained peer-counseling. That number jumps to 60% when counseling is accompanied by an ultrasound. For those women who desire for their child to be adopted, PWC can provide referrals to various Adoption Agencies. The clinic also provides vouchers to underprivileged women for Miracle Hill and the S.O.S. Thrift Store. In addition, they have supplies for newborns up to six months old.

But what about those women who are now suffering after abortion? Piedmont Women's Center offers the Abortion Recovery Assistance ministry, a program that teaches women and men who chose abortion to use scripture to find the healing that they so desperately need. PWC has also produced a wonderful film entitled "Set Free" that includes the stories and personal testimonies of several women and men who suffered from post-abortion stress. Their powerful accounts touchingly display God's amazing power to forgive, restore, and heal.

"Knights of Columbus Council 1668 proudly supports the mission of the Piedmont Women's Center. It has been our pleasure to partner with them working towards the protection of the sanctity of all human life" quoted Patrick Shamroe, Grand Knight of Msgr. Andrew K. Gwynn, Council 1668.

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